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RALEIGH: TUESDAY, JULY 26, 1864.

Conservative Ticket for Wake County.

SENATE:

WILLIE D. JONES.

COMMONS:

GREEN H. ALFORD,

CALVIN J. ROGERS,

WM. R. RICHARDSON.

SHERIFF:

COL. J. P. H. RUSS.

Dr. Deems' Appointments.

The Financial Agent of the North Carolina En-

dowment Fund will accept the people as follows:

At Thytara Church, Rowan Co., Sunday July 31.

At Salisbury, at Court, Tuesday, August 2.

At Hillsborough, Friday, August 5.

Salisbury and Hillsborough papers please copy.

PUBLISHED BY US.—We are requested to give no-

tice that Col. J. P. H. Russ, the Conservative can-

didate for Sheriff, together with the other Con-

servative candidates, will address the people at the

Court-house, in this City, on Wednesday night, the

3d of August.

ELECTION IN THE ARMY.—The North-Carolina sol-

diers will vote on Thursday next, the 28th July,

for Governor, members of the Legislature, and

Sheriffs. We caution our friends to be on the alert

for false returns by the Destructive leaders. We

feel sure that the soldiers' vote will be largely

against Vance, but, in order to influence the elec-

tions at home, the vote will be misreported by the

Vance organs. We appeal to our friends in the

army to send us correct returns at the earliest pos-

sible moment.

The Election.

Let the soldiers bear in mind that they will vote

for Governor, for members of the Legislature, and

for Sheriff on Thursday the 28th day of this month,

July. Do not forget the day. We appeal to the

soldiers to vote, and to vote as they please. This is

all we ask.

Bear in mind also that the people at home will

vote on Thursday, the 4th of August. The sus-

pension of the writ of *habeas corpus* will expire on

the first of August, and the people will, therefore,

be free again on the fourth of August.

RICHMOND COUNTY.—It will be seen by the an-

nouncement in our paper, that Col. Oliver H. Dock-

ery is a candidate for the Commons in Richmond

County. Col. Dockery is a gentleman of superior

attainments, and a Conservative "after the straight-

est." We learn that his election is certain by a

large majority. He is "a chip of the old block,"

Gen. Alfred Dockery, one of the truest Conserva-

tives and one of the worthiest citizens of the State

LENOIR AND GREENE.—We learn that the cam-

paign on the Conservative side in these Counties is

progressing finely. Mr. Patrick is opposed for the

Senate by J. P. Speight, Esq., a red hot Destructive

leader, who is said to be in favor of the suspension

of the *habeas corpus*, and against negotiations for peace.

We learn that Mr. Patrick handles him most

thoroughly on the stump. No doubt is entertained

of the triumphal re-election of Messrs. Patrick

and Best. Greene County will vote three to one

against Vance. The people of that County want

peace, and they detest de-politism in all its forms.

BERTIE COUNTY.—We are gratified to learn that

John Pool, Esq., is a candidate for the Senate in

Bertie County. Mr. Pool is a true Conservative,

and one of the most accomplished statesmen in the

Southern States. The people need the services of

such men in the Legislature.

We learn also that Dr. Henry and Mr. Bond are

candidates for re-election to the Commons. These

gentlemen are true Conservatives, and have ac-

quired themselves faithfully as members of the

House.

WAKE COUNTY.—We learn that the Stallforders

and Destructives are endeavoring to produce the

impression for effect elsewhere, that Gov. Vance

will carry Wake County, and that his ticket in the

County will be elected. We have never been de-

ceived as to the vote of Wake County, and we are

not deceived now. The majority for the Conserva-

tive candidate for Governor in Wake will be at least

one thousand, and the Conservative ticket, includ-

ing the Conservative candidate for Sheriff, will be

elected by large majorities.

Since the above was written we have seen and

conversed with all the Conservative candidates.—

Let every man, who is a friend to his country,
and desires that the war shall have a speedy end,
upon the basis of an honorable peace with In-dependence, go to the polls and vote for Zeb. B.
Vance, *Confederate*.If any proof were wanting that Gov. Vance is
fully in the embraces of the Destructive leaders,
the above would be sufficient. Col. McRae, theEditor of the *Confederate*, who makes this appeal
for Gov. Vance, is a Destructive of the most radical
stamp. He was a member of the famous Golds-borough Convention, held in March, 1861, to take
steps to dissolve the Union against the wishes of
the people of the State, expressed in Februarypreceding by an immense majority; and from that day
to this he has been an active, bitter, and malicious
enemy of the Conservative party. He is now edit-ing a newspaper established by Thomas Bragg and
other Destructives, for the avowed object of pro-strating and destroying the Conservative party of
the State; and through the columns of this paper,
while advocating the re-election of Gov. Vance, hehas constantly held up the true Conservatives of
the State as Lincolnites, and traitors, and plotters
against the repose and integrity of the government.No word which he could trace with his venomous
pen could be too hard or too insulting towards that
noble body of Conservatives who voted for Gov.Vance in 1863. And now he appeals to the people
to vote for this same Gov. Vance! Has Duncan
K. McRae changed? Have Thomas Bragg and other"patriots and property-holders" for whom he
speaks, changed? They say they have not, and we
know they have not. They are the same unrelent-ing, proscription Destructives they were two years
ago. Then how is it Gov. Vance is found in their
company?Again, Duncan K. McRae is a monarchist at
heart and an enemy to popular government. Every
word he has written and published in the *Confed-*erate proves this. He is the advocate of test oaths,
of gag laws, of the suspension of the *habeas corpus*,
and of the complete and unbridled domination, atall times and everywhere, of the military power.
No generous sentiment, no noble or ennobling ex-pression in favor of the rights of the masses, no
protest against the encroachments of arbitrary power,
ever finds its way into his paper. With Gov.Vance he holds that "the King's name is a tower
of strength," and that "the King can do no wrong."
Mr. Fuller, in his Fayetteville speech, gives it ashis deliberate opinion, founded on what he saw and
heard in Richmond, that a certain party in this
country is determined, if at all possible, to *fasten*a monarchy on these States. He says "this party
exists in our State Legislatures, and in our national
Congress, and that they are banded together andknow each other." This, be it remembered, is the
language of a member of Congress of high charac-ter for intelligence and patriotism. We believe that
Col. Duncan K. McRae belongs to this party. They
are "banded together and know each other." Whatthe passwords, signs, and grips are no one outside
this party yet knows; but we have Mr. Fuller's
word for it that such a party exists. Col. McRae'scontempt for the people, and the frequent defeats
he has received at their hands in his efforts to ob-

tain office, have put him in a frame of mind to de-

sire to establish a monarchy over them. He hates
the people, and the people distrust and hate him.He is already, as his paper shows, the advocate
of arbitrary government; and he has but one step
more to take to avow himself the friend of imper-

ial or kingly rule.

So far as we are concerned, we are glad that he
is our enemy. We would not have his support on
any terms. Gov. Vance is welcome to him. Re-member, freemen of North Carolina, that every
vote for Gov. Vance will be a vote to endorse Dun-

can K. McRae; and if that Vance should be re-

elected not only will hope of peace depart, but such
Dantons as McRae will rule you and rule your chil-

dren with a rod of iron.

CHATHAM COUNTY.—A friend writing from Chat-

ham under date July 20th, says:
"The Vance Destructives are resorting to everything to influence the people against you, but they
are making nothing by it. You will get a large ma-jority in the County. John A. McDonald and T. W.
Womble are doing vigorous and faithful ser-

vice for Conservatism "after the straightest set."

We are authorized by Mr. Justice to withdraw

A BAD INVESTMENT.—Quite a stir appears to
have been made in Harnett county by the receipt
at the Post Office at Barclayville, N. C., of July
12, 1864, each package containing five copies
thereof, each copy containing an address to Mr.
Holden's "Follower-Officers," and 40 tickets for W.
W. Holden for Governor. The packages were ad-dressed, in the fair hand-writing of some one about
the Standard office, to "John Deane, Barclayville,
N. C.," and "David Tucker, Barclayville, N. C.,"
both free mulattoes, and one of them a minor atthat. On the packages the postage was paid. So
that Mr. Holden is minus 10 Circulars, 400 Holden
Tickets, and 10 cents in cash. Rather an unprof-itable investment! We have received two letters
from gentlemen at Barclayville, enclosing the cov-ers of the packages and copies of the Extra. One
of these letters says that Mr. Holden will have to
come and read his Extra to his "colored brethren,"as they cannot read. But he don't think the
accommodations in that section would be very
agreeable to Mr. Holden.—*Fayetteville Observer*.The above is from the *Observer* of Thursday
evening last, received here on Friday morning. In
our paper dated Wednesday, but printed and start-ed to Fayetteville on Tuesday, we exposed this
hoax, and the Editors of the *Observer* must have
seen our exposure of it before their paper of Thurs-day went to press. Yet they make no allusion to
the exposure, but attempt to produce the impres-sion that we are engaged in a correspondence with
free negroes.A week or two since we received a letter from
Barclayville containing \$8.65, as subscription for
four persons to the Standard. They professed to bewarm friends of ours. We supposed, of course,
that the letter was from white persons and genuine
in its character, and accordingly sent them theStandard with some tickets. We soon learned,
however, that the names of the four persons sent
were those of free negroes, and that we had been

imposed upon by some mean white person or per-

sons. Fortunately we had preserved the letter.—
We have placed it in the hands of a friend, and if
the author of it can be traced and discovered bythe handwriting, we intend to hold him up in his
true colors to our readers.A friend writing us from Averaeborough under
date of July 20th, says:
"I wish to inform you of some of the tricks ofthe friends of Gov. Vance in this quarter. I am
informed there was a gathering on last Friday at
J. A. Johnson's, and that John Green, Esq., wasthere from Barclayville with two bundles, one
marked to Dave Tucker, a free negro, containing
one of your Standards and some tickets for you,and the other was marked to John Dean, another
free boy. I also learned that the reception of
these bundles was to be magnified, and sent to the*Observer* for publication. I have my own opinions
as to this matter. One J. A. J., who says you are
Lincolnites, went on to Petersburg a few days be-fore these bundles were received, and it is believed
he caused them to be sent."So it seems the Editors of the *Observer* are par-ties to this free negro trick! They are welcome
to all they may gain by this achievement. We
have heretofore entertained high respect for theSenior Editor as a gentleman, but we find now that
he is as depraved and unscrupulous as the meanest
Destructive in the State. There is neither wit, norhumor, nor decency in this trick perpetrated by
Mr. Hale and his friends. A high toned, honorable
gentleman would have scorned any allusion to such

a trick practiced on a brother Editor, save to con-

demn it as low and unworthy in its character.—
But adversity is the test of character. Defeat, loss
of influence, and the prospect that the election ofthe peace candidate for Governor will shorten the
war, and thus stop the enormous profits Mr. Hale
is realizing by his manufacturing establishments,are starting him in the face, and like Gov. Vance
he is resorting to every desperate expedient, even
using the names of free negroes to injure and de-

fect us. Repeating the language of the poor cov-

ards who wrote him from Barclayville, he says if
we should go to that place the "accommodationsin that section" would not be "very agreeable" to
us. First, we are tricked, as any one could have
been, by a set of unprincipled Destructives, and thenwe are threatened that if we should happen to visit
the neighborhood of these people, we would be in-sulted or mobbed. This is not the first time the
Observer has justified mob law against us. It did so

How is Peace to be Obtained?

We take it for granted every one wants peace.—
How is it to be obtained? By fighting merely?—
Nay, verily. We have tried that for more than
three years, and we seem no nearer peace than atfirst. The soft hand of peace must be stretched
out side by side with the mailed hand of war. A ma-jority of the people of both sections are anxious to
negotiate and anxious for peace. If all the people
of the States, and if all the Governors of the Stateswould labor and agonize to stop the war on just
terms as they are laboring and agonizing to carry
it on, what a mighty influence in favor of peacewould at once go forth!
This is no new theme with us. We hold the same
language now that we held last year on this vital

subject. We want no submission, we want no sub-

jugation, we want no more war if it be possible to
stop it, but we want peace. We would rather wear
the plain, snow white vestments of blessed peace,and be known as a mediator between the infuriated
children of WASHINGTON, than to sit upon the loft-iest and strongest throne that could be constructed
on the blood and bones of our slaughtered coun-

trymen.

Afraid to Meet Him!
The following letter, which we copy from the
Confederate of the 23d instant, explains itself. Col.McRae dilates at some length on his reasons for not
meeting Mr. Settle in debate, which he had been cer-tainly bound to do after the allusion which he had
made to him in his paper; but the true reason is
the Colonel feels that his cause is so weak, and Mr.Settle's cause so strong, that he is afraid to meet
him. That explains the whole secret of this sud-den dropping of the feathers by this Vance game
cock. The reasons which the Colonel gives for
avoiding this intellectual encounter are for the mostpart peurile and ridiculous.
Thomas Settle needs no defence at our hands.—
He is a fearless, gallant, patriotic gentleman. The

State has no truer or nobler son.

WESTWORTH, July 15, 1864.
COL. D. K. McRAE: Dear Sir:—In your issue of
the 12th inst., I find the following article: "Weshall soon have important disclosures of the H. O. A's
from Guilford and Randolph. The disclosures
will reach high and low. We should be glad to

have an authentic report, in full, of the speech de-

livered by Thomas Settle, Esq., lately before the
residents of Westworth. We have heard from a
reputable source about it; but we want the substanceof the speech."
From the connection in which you mention my
name, I deem it due to myself to state, that I haveno connection with the order you call H. O. A., or
any other secret association whatsoever.I have lately made three short talks to the people
of Rockingham, and they are the first political
speeches I have made since the war commenced.—The remarks made on the occasion you refer to,
were called forth by a speech made by a candidate
for the House of Commons in our county, in whichhe advocated the re-election of Gov. Vance. I never
wrote out speeches, and therefore regret that Icannot furnish you with "an authentic report," in
full, of what I said on that occasion; but if you
really desire to hear the "substance of the speech,"and will give public notice of the day between this
and the election, on which you will meet me at
Rockingham, Salisbury, or Morganton, we willexchange our views, and I will endeavor to give you the
"substance" of that speech, and my views in full upon
the condition of the country.Yours respectfully,
THOMAS SETTLE.THE RICHMOND EXAMINER LECTURES OUR PEOPLE.—
We observe that the *Confederate*, Salisbury Watch-man, and other Destructive journals in the support
of Gov. Vance, are copying with much gusto an ar-ticle from the *Richmond Examiner* in which that
journal lectures our people at length as to how theyshould vote. The *Examiner* on this, as on former
occasions, shows a thorough ignorance of the is-sues before our people as well as of the character
of our people themselves. Speaking of the Con-servative or peace candidates in this State the
Examiner says, "there must be more than an averageproportion of simple and credulous people in that
State, to make such arguments, such newspapers,and such a candidate, even possible." Indeed, the
whole article is a reflection on the intelligence andIf Holden did not vote for secession in the Con-
vention of the 30th of May 1861, nobody voted for
it, and the State never seceded, and there has been
no war.—*Fay Observer*.The *Observer* is trying hard to produce the im-
pression that we are an original secessionist, and
the above is its proof! Of course we voted, after
Lincoln's proclamation, to secede, and so did Mr.Graham, Mr. Badger, and the whole Convention.—
We confess we did so with great reluctance, for we
saw before us the darkness of despotism and thehorrors of civil war. We could not do otherwise
than so vote. Would to God that we could have
done otherwise. But the present allies of the*Observer* and the abolitionists of the North would
have it so.We wanted the Convention to vote unanimously
for Mr. Badger's ordinance, setting forth the causes
of separation, but the present allies of the *Observer*

would not allow it. They forced us to the alterna-

tive of taking Burton Osgood's ordinance of secession
pure and simple, or of voting against the act of
separation. At that day, when the war was com-menced, or rather continued by the Destructives on
the Conservatives, the *Observer* was with us; but
now, having seen new lights, it is cheek by jowlwith its former enemies. In 1860 the *Observer* was
so much opposed to secession and the heading ac-tion of the cotton States, that it was threatened
with mob law by some of the very men whom it is
now abjectly serving. The Editors of that paperfeel their humiliation at being placed in such a
situation, and are venting their ill humor on their
former friends. But their influence is nearly allgone, as the approaching elections will show. Let
them remember the contest for Congress last No-vember, when their candidate was so triumphantly
defeated in a District in which they have their
largest circulation; and also the last contest betweenGen. Leach and Mr. Foster, when the people
showed by their votes that they had not changed
their opinions.Extract from a letter from a member of company
D, 31st N. C. regiment, dated
PETERSBURG, July 22, 1864."W. W. Holden will get all the votes in this com-
pany, and two-thirds of Clingan's brigade."[From the Progress.]
MR. EDITOR:—I enclose you a communication I
sent to the Editors of the *Confederate*, togetherwith their note declining its publication. It will
be seen that after having done me very gross in-justice—after misrepresenting me and placing me
in a false position, they refuse me a hearing. Suchis the depravity of some hearts that when they
injure a man, they hate him with a ten-fold malice.I leave the public to decide the matter, and to say
whether or not the falsehoods of the editors were
willful and malicious. I have no paper, daily orweekly, to combat them, but I once tried a *Bulletin*
Board with very good effect. I can have another
erected on Market Square where I can post a sheetdaily that will have as many readers in Raleigh as
the *Confederate* has.I have never shot like a rocket into the vortex
of war and returned to a "bomb proof position"because I was not promoted for having a regiment
slaughtered; neither have I been generally con-sidered a coward, in my office or abroad. If the
Senior and Junior of the *Confederate* see them-selves in this glass, they should be thankful to the
mirror for possessing a quality they do not—*honest*
reflection.But I dislike to trespass further upon your space.
If the *Confederate* editors prolong the war, look to my
Bulletin Board.
FRANK L. WILSON.MR. FRANK L. WILSON.—We return the enclosed
communication at your request. We have twice

published articles of yours,